

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Eleventh Bristol Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.*

### **Residents of Eleventh Bristol Representative District**

#### **Characteristics of Admissions**

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; 3% (3,508) of these admissions reside in the Eleventh Bristol Representative District. 2% (56) of admissions from the Eleventh Bristol Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Eleventh Bristol Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 69% male and 31% were female.
- 64% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 72% were white non-Latino, 10% were black non-Latino, 11% were Latino, and 7% were other racial categories.
- 64% were never married, 11% were married, and 25% reported not to be married now.
- 40% had less than high school education, 46% completed high school, and 14% had more than high school education.
- 14% were employed.
- 22% were homeless.
- 39% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Eleventh Bristol Representative District.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	32 %	48%	5%	7%	3%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b> <b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used FY 1995 – FY 2003</b> <b>Eleventh Bristol Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	1,890	1,494	707	953	234	854	579
<b>FY '96</b>	2,090	1,600	892	1,025	278	982	706
<b>FY '97</b>	2,373	1,682	947	1,031	199	1,267	931
<b>FY '98</b>	2,832	1,777	896	1,112	252	1,788	1,366
<b>FY '99</b>	2,721	1,908	950	1,161	289	1,549	1,169
<b>FY '00</b>	3,077	2,170	1,021	1,387	465	1,786	1,291
<b>FY '01</b>	2,714	1,758	797	1,089	335	1,541	1,104
<b>FY '02</b>	3,632	2,384	1,132	1,512	402	2,077	1,420
<b>FY '03</b>	3,508	2,154	1,019	1,410	464	1,874	1,338

### **Heroin and Injection Drug Use**

Figure 1 below shows the proportional increases in all admissions in the Eleventh Bristol Representative District and the proportional increase in admissions reporting heroin and injection drug use, a factor driving increases in HIV.

